

**Rutland City Council
Minutes
September 9, 2019
Rutland Town Hall**

Mayor Ron Narum convened the public hearing on the 2020 City Budget at 5:00 p.m. Council Members Erickson, Lysne, and Siemieniewski present; Mahrer absent. The City Auditor was also present.

The public hearing was opened for comments: Bill Anderson asked if the City budget includes emergency funds for large project such as the possibility of a new water tower. Council Member Erickson noted that the City increased the water rates within the past few years and that fund is dedicated to water expenses. The City Auditor also noted that the Legislature approved the Prairie Pothole Funding that may be available to the City to help with road repair and replacement needs. The City is currently repairing the Lagoon discharge cells and that is covered through the fund, grants, and the existing monthly surcharge residents pay with their water/sewer/garbage bills.

The public hearing on the budget was adjourned.

The regular monthly Council meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes: Erickson/Siemieniewski moved approval of the August 5, 2019 minutes as submitted. Motion carried (Aye – Erickson, Lysne, Siemieniewski. Absent – Mahrer).

Public Comments: David Young asked about removing the five diseased trees on the City lot behind his home.

Council Member Lysne said the City identified diseased and dying trees to be removed; those were not identified as being on City property. The property owner is responsible for the removal of those trees.

Mayor Narum said that may be County property. The owner of the lot will be determined and Narum will let Mr. Young know. [Note: Based on property line information and County records, the lot is owned by David Young.]

Emergency Lagoon Repair Project: Tracy Eslinger provided an update on the Lagoon Repair Project. The Contractor is on site and commenced work following the preconstruction meeting in August. They dug the Cell 2 pipe, set the southside manhole, and installed piping between valves 2 and 3. They will install the half-pipe from 2 to 1 and from 3 to 1. Cell 1 is full and the water will be transferred soon. The Contractor is requesting an extension for the completion date due to the recent rains. During the project work, the Contractor determined that the clay material is not suitable for backfill. Offsite material was needed to fill the site; the existing clay is being tested to determine if it is acceptable. If it does not pass the geotechnical engineering test, then offsite material is required.

Erickson questioned the bid and whether that included a cushion for unforeseen needs. The Council had stated that the southside of the road work had been done and that this project would not be included a manhole. The force main is being fixed.

Eslinger said that \$17,000 in contingencies was part of the Engineer report and is in the project funds. The cost of the clay is approximately \$2700 and would be done as a change order. That would be only if the existing clay does not meet soil testing requirements.

Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the Change Order in the amount of \$2,705.00 for the clay subject to the determination and testing that the existing clay is deemed unacceptable. Motion carried on roll call vote: Aye – Erickson, Lysne, Siemieniewski, Narum. Nay – none. Absent – Mahrer.

Lysne/Siemieniewski moved approval of an extension of substantial completion from September 16 to September 27 and final completion from September 30 to October 11. Motion carried (Aye – Erickson, Lysne, Siemieniewski. Absent – Mahrer).

Radar Speed Signs: Erickson said he and Mahrer will install the signs. They had the line locates done and measured the locations in Oakes for installation. The work will be done after the instruction manuals are received and as weather permits.

Tree Committee: Lysne presented three bids for removal of trees identified by the Tree Committee. The Council discussed the bids.

Lysne/Siemieniewski moved to accept the bid from Jerry Schumacker, Oakes, in amount of \$2,000.00 for removal of 15 trees. Motion carried (Aye – Erickson, Lysne, Siemieniewski. Absent – Mahrer).

Budget: The 2020 budget will be approved at the October Council meeting.

Health Ordinance: Lysne/Siemieniewski moved approval of City of Rutland Health Ordinances, Chapter 10, as presented. Motion carried (Aye – Erickson, Lysne, Siemieniewski. Absent – Mahrer).

Financials: Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the August 2019 financials as presented. Motion carried (Aye – Erickson, Lysne, Siemieniewski. Absent – Mahrer).

Bills: Lysne/Erickson moved approval of payment of bills from the general checking account:

ACH	Waste Management	\$1632.60	Garbage contract
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12838	Otter Tail Power	818.94	Electricity
12839	Walock-Johnson Insurance	2064.00	Insurance
12840	Chemistry Lab-Dept. of Health	256.86	Lagoon discharge test
12841	City of Fargo	14.00	Health water samples
12842	Deborah Banish	574.19	August wages
12843	Dickey Rural Network	140.97	Telephone
12844	Void		
12845	John Deere Financial	402.43	Mower blades, EPA fees
12846	Moore Engineering	14001.96	Emer. Lagoon project
12847	ND One Call	1.95	Line locate
12848	Praxair Distribution	179.95	Shop
12849	Roger Pearson	103.88	August
12850	Ronald Narum	770.49	August
12851	Rutland Oil Company	529.50	Fuel and oil
12852	Jerry Sapa	160.00	Museum deck
12853	Sargent County Teller	143.90	July legals
12854	Southeast Water Users	1313.70	July 437,900 gals.
12855	Southside Automotive	38.67	Hydraulic hoses
12856	Void		
12857	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	27.98	Paint supplies

12858	Ronald Narum	610.00	Museum planks & supplies
12859	Larry Christensen	42.00	Meter reading
12860	US Postmaster	4.05	Postage

Motion carried (Aye – Erickson, Lysne, Siemieniewski. Absent – Mahrer).

Delinquents: There are eleven delinquent accounts at this time: One account is proceeding with wage garnishment.

The Council directed that the water be turned off at 307 Anthony.

Auditor's Report: Building permit #227-19 was approved for Nathan & Shawna Bergh at 115 Forest Street for a three-season porch room to be built on the existing free-standing deck. The project meets existing Zoning Ordinances.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Ronald Narum, Mayor

The next meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2019.